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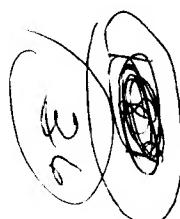
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SS-X-25 PRELAUNCH ACTIVITY  
PLESETSK ICBM LAUNCH TEST SITE 23, USSR

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1. SIGNIFICANCE: SS-X-25 PRELAUNCH ACTIVITY, WHICH MAY RESULT IN A LAUNCH FROM THE SINGLE-BAY GARAGE (SBG), IS IN PROGRESS. (SWN)

2. REMARKS: A WINTER CAMOUFLAGE-COVERED [REDACTED] PROBABLE MISSILE SUPPORT VAN (MSV) IS IN FRONT OF AND CABLE-CONNECTED INTO THE TYPE C SBG. MUCH OF THE SNOW ATOP THE SBG HAS MELTED, SUGGESTING A PROBABLE TRANSPORTER-ERECTOR-LAUNCHER (TEL) MAY BE INSIDE IN PREPARATION FOR THE LAUNCH OF AN SS-X-25 FROM WITHIN THE SLIDING-ROOF SBG. IN THE PAST, NORMAL PRELAUNCH ACTIVITY HAS INCLUDED TWO LARGE CANVAS-COVERED VEHICLES, A PROBABLE TEL NEAR THE AZIMUTH ALIGNMENT DEVICE, AND A SECOND UNIDENTIFIED VEHICLE NEAR THE SILO APRON APPROACH. (SWN)

A MAZ-543 CARGO TRUCK CARRYING A POSSIBLE PAYLOAD SHROUD/TRAINING DEVICE, AND TWO SUPPORT VEHICLES ARE PARKED ON THE SILO APRON TURNAROUND AT COLLOCATED PLESETSK ICBM LAUNCH TEST SITE 24 [REDACTED]. SIMILAR ACTIVITY WAS SEEN HERE DURING PRELAUNCH ACTIVITY ON [REDACTED] TODAY, THE SILO DOORS ARE OPEN AT BOTH LAUNCH TEST SITES 23 AND 24. (SWN)

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THE SS-X-25 IS ONE OF TWO NEW SOLID PROPELLANT ICBM CURRENTLY UNDERGOING TESTING AT PLESETSK. THE LAST LAUNCH OF AN SS-X-25 FROM PLESETSK OCCURRED ON 2 OCTOBER AND ENDED IN AN IN-FLIGHT FAILURE (DEFSMAC S/DQ/919-84 1735Z 3 OCTOBER 1984, SECRET). (SWN)

3. [REDACTED] COORDINATES 63-00-28N 041-32-50E (C)

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